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Applicants : Satoru TOMARU et al.

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MODE OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE  
(As amended)

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request written status of the application.

On July 23, 2004, the undersigned offices resent --by facsimile-- the March 24, 2004 AMENDMENT together with a copy of the PTO date stamped confirmation of the March 24, 2004 filing. The file of the undersigned offices also contains the confirmation of the facsimile transmission.

As yet the undersigned offices have received no word from the Patent Office concerning that March 24, 2004 filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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